

News of The Suburbs

WEST POINT, VA.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WEST POINT, VA., January 6.—Miss Lella McCanna received about forty of her friends New Year evening, who gave her a surprise party.

Mr. C. W. Humphrey, proprietor of Hotel O'Connor, gave a stag party to his friends and customers New Year's night. Among the entertainments that have not been reported is a birthday party, given by Master Prichard Broadbush, who is ten years old.

Mr. B. W. Jefferson gave a dance in the Masonic hall to the young people on Saturday night.

Mrs. William H. Bell gave a beautiful entertainment to her Sunday school class at her home. The table and other decorations were very artistic. A mound, in the center of the table, stimulating sparkling snow was surrounded by Santa Claus, who held ribbons in his hand attached to "eight tiny reindeer around the edges of the table. Elegant and abundant refreshments were served. The color scheme of red and green was carried out with holly, running cedar and palms.

Miss Katherine Waugh entertained a few friends at her home on Tuesday night.

Over on the New Kent side Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Apperson celebrated their silver wedding. Friends overwhelmed them with numerous and valuable presents. Mrs. Apperson was assisted in receiving by Miss Lucy Valden, of Williamsburg, and Mrs. William Apperson.

West Point Lodge, No. 21, of Odd Fellows, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Noble Grand, Mr. Jeter Woodward; Vice-Grand, W. C. Davis; Chaplain, W. P. Madison; Recording Secretary, Vivian Cople; Financial Secretary, J. W. Falther. The lodge expects to move into its new hall, in P. B. Shelton and Company's building, in time for the installation.

This lodge is a little over two years old, and is next to the largest lodge in West Point.

The trade of the past two weeks has been the best for merchants and business men in the history of the town.

The oyster packing houses have been rushed with orders and the shipments expected by far those of former years. Every available man has been employed in shucking oysters, and yet many orders have been cancelled on account of failure to secure shuckers.

The warehouses of the Southern Railway Company are packed with general freight and tobacco, awaiting shipment.

The West Point Veneer Company is running at its full capacity, giving work to many. The President, Mr. Lloyd Tabb and family, of Baltimore, will spend the winter in West Point.

The ice plant belonging to the West Point Oyster Company, will be in operation by spring. The capacity of seven tons per day will reduce the price and prevent the ice famine of past years.

Messrs. M. P. Chandler and Mr. Delevante Smith spent Christmas with friends in New Kent.

Mr. Vivian Cople, a young man, who has been in business for the past six or seven years, has left West Point for a position elsewhere.

Mr. H. F. Woodward, who has had charge of the mercantile business of Mr. H. E. Richardson for several years here, has resigned, to return to his farm in New Kent.

Mr. Major Nance, of Charles City county, will take his place.

Mr. James W. Ward, an employee of the Southern Railway at Millbrook, S. C., has resigned to accept a position with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

Mrs. E. V. Bromley and children have returned to upper King and Queen, after a week's visit to Mr. W. R. Broadbush.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beasley, of Chase City, paid a visit this week to Mrs. Beasley's (nee Blanch Taylor), parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Taylor.

Mrs. Lucy Byrd Dudley, who has been quite ill, is getting better.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Barry Fisher spent ten days with relatives in Baltimore in connection with the holidays.

Mr. Francis Bagby spent the holidays in Baltimore with his uncles, Messrs. C. H. and J. W. Wooten.

Mr. H. Wooten delightfully entertained a few friends New Year's day.

Mr. W. C. Davis and daughter, Miss Emma, visited Dr. Fred Davis, of Gloucester, during Christmas.

Mr. Morris Rogers, of New Jersey, is visiting his home in New Kent.

Mrs. Emma Peck, of Nashville, Tenn., is spending the winter with her cousin, Mrs. A. F. Hargrave.

Rev. Ritchie Ware, of Hinton, W. Va., and Mr. John Ware, of Essex, visited friends in West Point this week. Rev. Ritchie Ware left Thursday for Beckley, W. Va., where he has accepted a call to become pastor of the Christian Church. He will preach his first sermon Sunday.

Miss Rosa Roy is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Dudley, of King and Queen.

Miss Nellie Shepherd, of Richmond, is on a visit to Misses Daisy and Mary Denmead.

Miss Leah Levin has gone to Baltimore to spend several months.

Mrs. Valter Beasley still with her husband in Richmond. Mr. Lipscomb is very sick in the Memorial Hospital. He was working with "The Churchman" when taken sick.

The Christmas dinner, given at "Farmington," the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryland, to special guests, was an occasion of family reunion and great delight. No one was more joyful than Mr. Ryland himself, who, in his nineteenth year, finds great pleasure in the companionship of his friends.

Mr. Harry Dudley, of King and Queen, delightfully entertained a number of her friends Tuesday. Refreshments were

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